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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 148

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SUBJECT: PL-480 TITLE I WHEAT FOR MOZAMPBQUE

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(C) LOURENCO MARQUES 134(NOTAL; (D) LOURENCO MARQUES 110 (NOTAL)

1. REF B WAS BASED ON QUOTATION IN LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF STATEMENT
BY DIRECTOR OF MOZAMBIQUE CEREALS INSTITUTE. LATTER HAS BEEN
ATTEMPTING TO ALLAY PUBLIC CONCERN OVER BREAD SHORTAGE BY
REASSURING STATEMENTS OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REF A, I APPROACHED ACTING HIGH
COMMISSIONER (SECRETARY GENERAL AGUIAR) AND ASKED HIM TO
OBTAIN FIRM REPLY FROM PRIME MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE
PROMISED EARLY REPLY. ONLY QUESTION HE ASKED WAS WHAT WAS
PRICE OF WHEAT. I REPLIED I DID NOT KNOW BUT ASSURED IT

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WOULD BE WORLD PRICE OR BETTER. (PLEASE ADVISE).

3. IN MEANTIME TODAY'S NEWSPAPER REPORTS SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL FURNISH MOZAMBIQUE 20,000 TONS OF WHEAT AS PART OF A PROGRAM OF AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, USING SWEDISH WHEAT SURPLUSES. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL PRIME MINISTER MENTIONED SCANDINAVIAN WHEAT AID IN MEETING WITH CODEL DIGGS-- REF D.) OVERALL SWEDISH PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO PRESS, INCLUDES IN ADDITION 30,000 TONS FOR INDIA, 15,000 TONS FOR BANGLADESH, 10,000 TONS FOR SRI LANKA AND 5,000 TONS FOR SOMALIA.

4. COMMENT: AS YET, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR KNOWING WHETHER REPORTED ROMANIAN WHEAT LOAN IS FIRM AND WHAT ARE AMOUNTS AND CONDITIONS INVOLVED. FIRM REPLY FROM PRIME MINISTER IS ONLY WAY OF CONFIRMING IF GOM STILL INTERESTED OR HAS NEED FOR PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM.
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